



Central Point City News

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A message from your
CENTRAL POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Halloween Safety Tips

If you plan to take your children out for a fun night of Trick-or-Treating this Halloween, the Central Point Police Department would like suggest the following safety tips:

- Make sure your child's costume fits properly to prevent tripping hazards.
- Use face paint instead of masks that restrict breathing.
- Plan your route ahead of time, sticking to familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight and trick-or-treat in groups, accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Be aware of your surroundings; only visit well-lit houses.
- Stay away from unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Watch for cars, especially those that are backing up or turning. Stay on sidewalks and out of the street.
- Follow traffic signals. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks. Do not cut across peoples yards.
- Watch for open flame jack-o-lanterns. Review the "stop, drop, roll" procedure if a costume were to catch fire.
- Carry a spare Halloween bag in case yours breaks or you fill your original one.
- Respect people and their property. Do not trample through flower beds or gardens.
- Do not eat candy until it has been inspected under bright lights. Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes or is homemade. Keep hard candy away from small children to avoid choking.
- Make sure your child knows what to do in case of an emergency.

Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police. Dial 911 for emergencies or 541-664-5578 for non-emergencies.





Cheaper Flood Insurance

Fall 2024

Protect Your Property & Lower Rates

Flood season in Central Point typically begins in October. So now is a good time to consider home improvements that have long-term benefit of reducing flood risks and the cost of flood insurance. Premium rates are based on a variety of factors, but the general rule is: **higher risk = higher premiums**.

Just because your house or property is located in the floodplain does not mean that you can't reduce your flood insurance premiums. In fact, your house may have been built in ways that actually increases your premiums. Below are several ways that can provide you with more affordable insurance rates and reduce your overall risks to experience flood damage.



Install Flood Vents

Buildings in the floodplain must provide at least two openings with 1 sq. inch of opening per 1 sq. foot of enclosed area, including garages. Remember, there are no discounts for "partial credit." Foundation vents, garage doors, windows, and doors do not count unless they have openings installed in them.



Elevate Utilities

If the equipment that services your home (i.e. electrical, heating, ventilation, etc...) is located below the base flood elevation, an additional surcharge will be added to your premium. Maximize your savings and reduce your losses by locating your machinery and equipment above the base flood elevation.



Eliminate Basements / Improve Water Flow in Crawlspace

If your home has a basement or constructed with a crawlspace that is too tall, your premium will be based on the lowest enclosed area below the base flood elevation. By raising the floor of the basement or crawlspace and providing adequate drainage to remove flood waters, you will protect your foundation walls and see increased savings.



Elevate Lowest Floor Above BFE

Elevating above the base flood elevation is the fastest way to reduce the annual cost of a flood insurance premium. Every foot that the main floor is raised above the flood waters equals increased savings. Remember to consider proper construction techniques for the enclosed areas below the new main floor level.

More Information:

City of Central Point - Floodplain Information
Floodplain Development, Insurance, Permitting and Property Protection Assistance.
541.664.3321, Ext. 245
Website:
<http://www.centralpointoregon.gov/floodplain>

FEMA Map Service Center
Provides access to flood maps (FIRM) and other floodplain data.
Website: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

**National Flood Insurance Program/
FloodSmart**
Answers questions about flood insurance and provides assistance to find local insurance agents.
1-800-427-4661
Website: www.floodsmart.gov

FEMA - Protect Your Home From Flooding
Website:
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/fema_protect-your-home_flooding.pdf

Remaining CHL Courses for 2024



Central Point Police Department is proud to offer the required class for issuance of concealed handgun licenses! This course is taught by two of our Certified Firearms Instructors in a classroom environment. Instructors bring over 40 years of experience in both law enforcement firearms safety and civilian firearms concealed carry. We are excited to offer this class in a non-threatening environment for those who would like to learn about firearms or to earn their concealed handgun license. Some of the topics we cover during the course are:

- Handgun safety
- Firearms and the law
- Safe holster and carry methods
- Choosing an appropriate gun and caliber
- Selecting appropriate ammunition
- Handgun security and accessibility
- Interacting with police while carrying concealed
- Where you can and cannot carry
- Understanding "Use of Force"
- Discussion of scenarios, "What would you do if..."
- What to expect in various situations involving self defense.

The Central Point Police Department views this class as an opportunity to teach responsible gun ownership for individuals wanting information regarding firearms in a safe environment. Students will not bring their weapons to class. The cost of the class is \$30, and proceeds help to fund our Explorer program. Pre-registration and payment for the class is required. Classes will only be held if a minimum of 10 participants register. To register, please visit www.centralpointoregon.gov/schedule and find Oregon Concealed Handgun License Class under the Enrichment section. For questions about the course, contact Central Point Parks & Rec Department at 541-664-3321, ext 130.

****NOTE: Failure to pre-register may prevent you from being accepted in the course on the date.****

UPCOMING CLASS DATES:

Saturday, October 12th - (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Saturday, November 23rd - (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Saturday, December 14th - (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

City Awarded Grant for New Pfaff Park Playground

The Central Point Parks Department has received an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant for \$123,584, which will be used to replace the 2 to 5-year-old "tot lot" playground at Robert Pfaff Park. Total project cost will be \$205,973. The tot lot was installed over twenty years ago and is due for replacement. The new playground will be composed of "accessible and inclusive" equipment meaning that kids of all abilities will be able to access the equipment and play with other kids. The play equipment will include ramps for wheelchair access; sensory elements that are designed to stimulate a child's senses such as touch, sight, hearing and movement; and rubber tile fall material which will make it much easier to move around the play area. The old playground was located some distance from the 5 to 12-year-old playground which was installed in 2018 so as part of this project, the new playground equipment will be placed next to the existing playground. The hope is that moving it to this new location will make it easier for parents to keep track of their kids as they use both playgrounds. Installation will take place in the fall/winter of 2024. For more information, please contact Dave Jacob, Park Planner, at (541) 423-1012 or dave.jacob@centralpointoregon.gov.



Dates to Remember

October

- 1 - Planning Commission (6 pm) - cancelled
- 8 - Citizen's Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 10 - City Council Meeting (6 pm)
- 21 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 24 - City Council Meeting (6 pm)
- 26 - Liams Trunk or Treat (4 pm)

November

- 5 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 7 - Parks & Rec Commission (6 pm)
- 11 - Veterans Day Commemoration (9am)*
- 14 - City Council Meeting (6 pm)
- 18 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday*

* = City Hall Closed

Meetings are subject to change. Please check our website www.centralpointoregon.gov for more information.

City Directory

City Manager
541-423-1026

Building Permits
541-423-1973

Code Enforcement
541-664-5578

Community Development
541-423-1973

Library (Central Point Branch)
541-664-3228

Police - (Non-Emergency)
541-664-5578

Parks & Recreation
541-664-3321 ext 130

Public Works
541-423-1021

Public Works - (After Hours)
541-326-3682

Utility Billing
541-664-3321 ext 204

CALL 911 for Fire, Medical and Police Emergencies

City Hall is open 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday.

Feel free to drop in with questions,
to pay a bill, or just to say "hello".

VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**DON JONES MEMORIAL PARK
OREGON FALLEN WAR HEROES MEMORIAL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 9AM**

JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING THOSE SERVICE MEMBERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WHO HAVE SERVED AND SACRIFICED FOR OUR COUNTRY. THE MEMORIAL IN CENTRAL POINT CONTAINS THE NAMES OF NEARLY 6,000 OREGON SERVICE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT.

EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE WEATHER OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Mayor	Ward I	Ward II	Ward III	Ward IV	At-Large	At-Large
Hank Williams 541-944-0066	Neil Olsen 541-664-7935	Kelley Johnson 541-499-8977	Melody Thueson 503-856-6822	Tanea Browning 541-890-8377	Mike Parsons 541-554-3892	Rob Hernandez 541-840-1841

If you are not sure who your representative is call 541-423-1026

Contact your **Council**
info@centralpointoregon.gov